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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are present in the above-referenced International Application, upon which this National Stage Application is based. New claim 8 encompasses the material canceled by the amendment to claim 1. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the instant claims are now in better condition for examination on the merits. Early favorable action is therefore respectfully solicited.

No fee is believed necessary for the filing of this submission. However, should any fee be deemed required for entry, the Commissioner is authorized and requested to charge any amounts due on account of the present submission to the Deposit Account of the undersigned attorneys, which is:
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Respectfully submitted,

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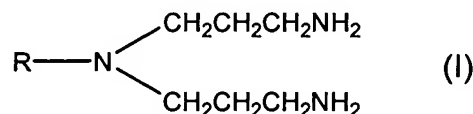
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) A curable composition comprising
 - b) an epoxy resin having on average more than one epoxide group per molecule and at least one member selected from the group consisting of
 - b1) an alkyldipropylenetriamine of the general formula (I) [and/or] and
 - b2) an adduct of an alkyldipropylenetriamine of the general formula (I) with [b3)] an epoxide compound having on average at least one epoxide group per molecule,



in which R is a hydrocarbon radical having 8 to 22 [, preferably 10 to 20,] carbon atoms.

2. (Amended) A curable composition according to claim 1, further comprising one or more members selected from the group consisting of diluents, other amine components and customary auxiliaries and additives [c) diluents and/or other amine components and/or other customary auxiliaries and additives].
3. (Amended) A curable composition according to claim 1 [either claim 1 or claim 2], wherein the composition is derived from compounds of the formula (I) with different hydrocarbon radicals R.

4. (Amended) A curable composition according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 3], wherein component a) is a bisphenol A diglycidyl ether or bisphenol F diglycidyl ether.
5. (Amended) A curable composition according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 4], wherein component b) is a bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, bisphenol F diglycidyl ether, cresyl glycidyl ether or fatty alcohol glycidyl ether.
6. (Amended) A cured composition comprising a composition according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 5].
7. (Amended) The use of a composition according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 5] for coating mineral and metallic substrates.

Claim 8 is new.